

**August 1, 2011 – 10:00 A.M. – DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING – Newton County Courthouse**

The Newton County Drainage Board met on August 1, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in the Newton County Courthouse. Present were Board Members Russell Collins, James Pistello and Tim Drenth; County Engineer Larry Holderly; Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney; LeAnn Sale; Surveyor Chris Knochel; Secretary Debra Honn. The meeting was opened by Russ.

**Minutes – July 5, 2011** – Signed

**Minutes – July 18, 2011** – Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18th meeting with a second from Tim. Motion carried.

**Battleday Tile Lateral II Funding Options** – A couple months ago the board extended this tile into the Industrial Park Tile. Chris reported that Bob Lane was mowing the waterway over this tile and was injured when the tile collapsed. Since there is no assessment on this drain we need to decide where the money is going to come from to fix the problems. Chris stated the tile repair was \$266.28 to fix the two holes. He reviewed that the original 1500' waterway would cost \$3500 to reshape and would help prevent the water from meandering further. The money would come from the special Landfill Drainage Fund. Jim made a motion to have Chris fix both problems – repair the tile holes and reshape the 1500' of waterway with money from the Special Landfill Drainage Fund. Tim made a second motion. Motion carried.

**Jody Melton – Sumava** – Jody was present to see where we stand on the Sumava project. He said according to the After The Fact Permit the concrete was to be broken into smaller pieces and then the area seeded. Jim stated that Ronnie has the equipment to handle the concrete. It was decided that Jody, Chris, Ronnie & Jim would go to Sumava to review what needs done. LeAnn reported there is approximately \$52,000 left in the Sumava fund to cover the cost. Jody is to bring the specs with him to the site.

**Denham Subdivision Lateral III Contract** – Chris stated since this is an emergency situation, it is being handled as such rather than through a Common Wage Law hearing. It should be completed within a couple weeks and then county highway can move in and work on roadside ditches. Larry is to work with Chris on areas where water is pooling and elevations need shot. Deb presented the addendum to the board for signatures.

**Charles Triplett Tile** – Deb presented her researched sequence of events on the Charles Triplett Tile beginning in 1969. The tile is not assessed and shows a balance owed to GDIF in the amount of \$5717.50. Jim made a motion to clear the debt at this time so that any future work done will follow the assessment process. Tim made a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried. Chris reported the tile does need work at 600 S & 500 W as it does not function.

**Drake Companion Tile Petition** – A petition is being circulated by Mr. Ormiston on this tile which is located between Foresman & Goodland. The petition is to install a companion tile next to the original tile. Chris stated there are 2-3 landowners that could benefit greatly from additional drainage.

**Oakwood Acres Lateral** – Chris mentioned that Mr. & Mrs. Hunter are the only people with a fence remaining in this subdivision that needs to be moved. The estimate to remove and reinstall new fencing was \$1550. Chris gave an estimate of \$36,300 for the whole project. Jim made a motion to have the contractor work with the surveyor and the landowners to resolve any issues and to continue with the project. Tim made a second motion. Motion carried.

**Knight-Moffitt** - Larry reported a washout near Meridian & 700 N on the West side of the road north of the ditch. It is out of the right of way. Chris proposed a price per unit under a declaration of emergency. There is no current assessment however there will be one in the future. Ronnie would need to be involved however Chris did not think it would take more than two days to repair this. Jim made a motion to repair it and add to ditch for future assessments with a second from Tim. Motion carried.

**GDIF** – Deb reported the balance in the GDIF as \$508,419.32 with a total of approximately \$19,000 to be paid on 8/1 & 8/15.

**DeHaan Ditch** – Jody was questioning the removal of sediment on the Jasper/Newton joint project. Chris stated we are moving the sediment out as there is no place for spoils. Jody stated he may have a place for the sediment. Chris said we are waiting for Jasper to convene the Bi-County Meeting as this is in their jurisdiction.

**Other topics** – Other items briefly discussed were the possibility of a levee on 1200 N west of Thayer and the Jasper County OCRA Grant.

There being no other business Jim made the motion to adjourn with a second from Tim. Motion carried.